2021 Farm to School & Scratch Cooking Institutes

Info Session

Basics:

- Apply here. Applications due June 11
- June 24: applicants notified of selections
- Selected programs will:
 - Attend one intensive in August (locations TBD):
 - August 19-20: Tribal & Traditional School Foods Institute
 - August 23-24: Central & Eastern Washington Institute
 - August 26-27: Western Washington Institute
 - Join bi-monthly institute cohort check-in calls
 - Share some of your successes via WSDA case studies

Interested in hosting? Contact ciberle@agr.wa.gov











Overview of Institute intensives agenda

Topics include:

- Local food procurement
 - Finding & coordinating with local farms and food producers
 - Projecting product needs, setting vendor requirements
 - Developing a local procurement policy and protocols within USDA rules
 - Strategies for budgeting in local foods within USDA reimbursement rates

Scratch cooking operations

- Kitchen and staff management for scratch cooking production
- Daily and weekly kitchen operations
- Food preparation and processing whole, local ingredients
- Menu development around seasonal ingredients and cultural foods

Farm to school partnerships beyond the kitchen

- Marketing and promoting your program inside and outside the cafeteria
- Student engagement and leadership
- Partnerships with school gardens, teachers and other educators

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Topics include:

- Tribal & traditional foods (focus of Aug 19-20 intensive)
 - Recipe and menu development to feature traditional foods in school or childcare meals
 - May include camas, nettle, salmon, huckleberry, dandelion, etc.
 - Working with local communities and producers to source native foods
 - Connecting your traditional meals program with to classrooms, gardens, and other school settings







Squaxin Island Tribal Garden

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- Farm to School Program Action Planning
- Training & Lunch Demonstrations
- Networking with Farm to School Partners



Forming your team

Flexible, but try to include:

- 1-2 food service staff
- A superintendent, principal, business manager, or school board member
- A school garden educator, classroom teacher, student, or community member

Content Development & Training Team



Elizabeth Campbell
Squaxin Island Tribal Garden
Spokane Tribe



Chef Kent Getzin

Creative Culinary Solutions for
School Food Service

Former Wenatchee School District
Nutrition Director



Nora Frank-Bucker
Food Sovereignty Initiatives Director
Northwest Portland Area
Indian Health Board
Nez Perce Tribe



Chef Andre Uribe
Former Executive Chef at
Intel Corporation and
Willamette University

Featuring:

- Chef Ann Foundation School Food Institute training videos
- Self-assessment tool from Georgia Johnson, former La Conner School District Food Service Director
- Plus guest speakers TBA!

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Q & A: Ask away!

Common questions so far:

- What if one key team member can't attend the intensive due to scheduling conflicts?
- Is this a good fit for small childcare centers?
- Which intensive should we apply to attend?

Thanks! Contact WSDA for more info:



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